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OF THE

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OF THE

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society,

OF

NEBRASKA SYNOD.

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION.

RISING, NEBRASKA, SEPT. 18TH, 1888.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Nebraska, held their opening Session at 2:30 p. m., presided over by the President, Mrs. J. S. Detweiler. Opened by devotional exercises, followed by the enrollment of the following delegates:

List of Delegates.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Miss Hattie B. Swobe, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Omaha, St. Mark's—Miss Nina L. Charles.

Omaha, St. Matthew's—Miss Tillie Leisenring.

Rising—Mrs. Geo. Moser, Mrs. Geo. Nycum.

Yutan—Mrs. G. H. Schnur.

Tekamah—

Grand Island—

West Point—Mrs. W. E. Krouse.
Auburn—Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Miss Mary Meyers.
Lincoln—Mrs. W. A. Pike, Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Mrs. C. J. Ernst.
Waverly—Miss Mary J. Reitz.
Benedict—
Wayne—
Oakland—Miss Addie Young.
Ponca—Mrs. J. D. Stough.

Congregational Visiting Delegates.

Nebraska City—Mrs. J. C. Jacoby.
Beatrice—Mrs. L. M. Lescher.
Yutan—Miss Naomi Knight and sister.

Rev. Mrs. B. F. Pugh, of Rising, gave the Convention a cordial welcome to their midst, which was suitably responded to by the President, whose address included a summary of the work done by the Executive Committee at their quarterly meetings during the year.

This was followed by the reading of a letter from the General Treasurer, asking that this Society take action in regard to a thank-offering to be reported at the Biennial Convention at Baltimore next year.

Next in order was prayer meeting—The Holy Spirit for service—conducted by Mrs. W. A. Pike, who read promises of Jesus' presence, guidance and strengthening power.

Adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Rev. Mr. Schrader.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Opened by a beautiful anthem: "How excellent is Thy loving kindness."

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Jacoby. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Following are the reports of Treasurer and Synodical Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Synodical Treasurer for year ending September 17, 1888.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at beginning of year		$25 65
Received from the Auxiliaries and other sources during the year, as shown by tabulated statement attached		422 26
Total receipts		$447 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mrs. Kimmel for postage, etc. } By order of Convention		$4 00
Paid Mrs. Easterday for postage, etc. } By order of Convention		7 00
Paid for printing Minutes of 1887 Convention		19 25
Paid for printing 1000 German tracts and 1000 German Constitutions		17 50
Paid for 250 postal cards and printing same for Treasurer's use as receipts		4 50
Remitted to General Treasurer:		
First Quarter, receipt on file	$53 55	
Second Quarter, receipt on file	66 10	
Third Quarter, receipt on file	90 65	
Fourth Quarter, receipt on file in transit	141 51	
Total		351 81
By Balance on hand:		
To credit of Traveling Expense Account	$23 00	
For printing, Convention expenses, etc.	20 85	
Total Balance on hand		43 85
		$447 91

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. J. ERNST,
Synodical Treasurer.

LINCOLN, NEB., *September 17, 1888.*

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod.

Treasurer's Tabular Statement of Receipts for Year Ending September 17, 1888.

Names of Auxiliaries, etc.	General Fund.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Lincoln Church.	San Francisco.	India Hospital.	Organ Fund, Zenana Home.	Miss Kistler.	1887 Convention Expenses.	Printing Fund.	Traveling Expenses.	1888 Synod Fee.	Total.
Auburn	$8 75				$10 00				$1 00			$1 00	$20 75
Benedict (formerly Danby)	13 00			$5 00					1 00	$1 00	$2 00		22 00
Dakota City	2 75												2 75
Jackson	3 60	$2 50											6 10
Grand Island	12 10									1 00	2 00		15 10
Lincoln	18 00							$6 50		1 00	2 00	1 00	28 50
McCook, Trinity Band	8 00					$1 00			1 00	1 00		1 00	12 00
Oakland, Grace Church	11 90								1 00	1 00	2 00		15 90
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	38 75		$11 60		24 16			35 00		7 78	2 00	1 00	120 29
Omaha, St. Mark's	32 75				10 00				1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	47 75
Omaha, Buds of Promise of St. Mark's	8 85						$5 00		1 00	50	1 00		16 35
Omaha, Y. L. M. S. of St. Matthew's Ch.												1 30	1 30
Ponca	13 00				1 00						2 00		16 00
Rising	19 60									1 00	2 00		22 60
Stella	7 15				4 00				1 00			1 00	13 15
Tekamah	4 80					4 30			1 00			1 00	11 10
Waverly	5 95								1 00		2 00		8 95
Wayne	3 00								1 00				4 00
West Point	13 95									1 00	2 00		16 95
Yutan	4 85								1 00	1 00	2 00		8 85
Other Sources.													
Rev. Kuhlman, Roca									1 00				1 00
Rev. Albright, Beatrice									1 00				1 00
Rev. Baird, Salem									1 00				1 00
Rev. Wolff, Sterling										1 00			1 00
Collection at 1887 Convention										5 52			5 52
From sale of tracts at 1887 Convention										2 35			2 35
Total and grand total	230 75	$2 50	$11 60	$5 00	$49 16	$5 30	$5 00	$41 50	$14 00	$26 15	$23 00	$8 30	422 26

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. J. ERNST, *Synodical Treasurer.*

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17, 1888. Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. J. ERNST, *Synodical Treasurer.*

Tabulated Statement of the Synodical Corresponding Secretary for the year ending August 31, 1888.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

I hereby present briefly my fourth annual report to you. Following is the tabulated statement:

	Names of Societies.	Names of Corresponding Secretaries.	Organized	Re-organized	Quarters Reported.				Active Members	Average Attendance	Honorary Members.	Life Members	Missionary Journals.	Public Meetings Held	Amount sent to Synodical Treasurer	
1	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	Miss Hattie B. Swobe		1886	1	2	3	4	39	9	11		55	3	$118	40
2	Omaha, St. Mark's	Miss H. Isaacson	1887		1	2	3	4	17	8	4		15	1	45	75
3	Omaha, St. Matthew's	Miss Esther Swanson	1888					4	8	5			3	3	1	30
4	Rising	Mrs. B. F. Pugh	1882		1	2	3	4	14	10	2		17	3	23	60
5	Yutan	Miss Bell Alexander	1883					4	13	4	8			3	3	05
6	Tekamah	Miss May Wilson	1880		1	2	3	4	9	5				6	10	10
7	Grand Island	Mrs. D. C. Zink	1886		1	2	3	4	13		2		19	12	12	10
8	West Point	Mrs. J. Drahos	1882		1	2	3	4	11	5					15	00
9	Auburn	Mrs. Mathieson	1884		1	2	3	4	12				12	3	12	85
10	Stella	Mrs. W. H. Hogrefe	1884					4	11				14	2	12	15
11	Lincoln	Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday	1884		1	2	3	4	17	8		1		4	27	00
12	Waverly	Miss Mary Reitz	1881		1		3	4	18	9				3	2	00
13	Covington	Mrs. R. J. Baird			1		3	4	11	10					5	25
14	McCook	Miss Katie Kimmel	1887			2		4	23	19				3	10	00
15	Omaha, Mission Band	Miss Carrie Althaus	1886		1	2	3	4	9	9	2			1	4	50
16	Benedict	Miss Flora Troutman	1886		1	2	3		18	6			13		18	00
17	Wayne	Mrs. M. S. Davis	1883			2			18				12		3	00
18	Grace	Miss Mary Lasson	1882		1		3		14	11			8		9	25
19	Ponca		1879													
	Totals								275		29	1	168	49	$333	30

In my former reports I commented and suggested rather freely, and especially last year, when I instituted comparisons which presented gratifying results. As the statements suggested by a careful examination of the present tabulated exhibit, and the comparison of it with former ones, are in the main the same as those previously presented, it does not seem desirable that I prolong this report.

Last year I expressed the fear that the amount of money actually sent to the Synodical Treasurer would not agree with that reported to and tabulated by the Corresponding Secretary. A later comparison of these figures revealed a difference of more than $100. Unless these reports from Auxiliary societies can be substantially harmonized, I respectfully suggest that effort by the Corresponding Secretaries to furnish this item in their reports be discontinued.

Whilst my report for the year indicates much work done by the Auxiliaries and presents encouraging features, it shows nothing more clearly than that we *should* do much more than we *are* doing to hasten the glad day when the whole earth shall "hear the word of the Lord."

Now, my dear sisters, for four years I have tried to serve you as Synodical Corresponding Secretary. My weakness in the office has constantly been apparent to me, but I trust that I have not altogether failed in the work or disappointed you. Surely the duties of the office, though more burdensome than might be supposed, have not been unprofitable to me. I now most respectfully return to you the office with its accompanying papers, asking you to bestow the burden and pleasure upon another.

Most respectfully submitted, MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
Cor. Sec. of Syn. Society.

LINCOLN, NEB., *Sept.* 18, 1888.

Singing of the hymn, "Jesus shall Reign where'er the Sun," after which a very excellent, instructive, and interesting Bible reading was given, conducted by Miss Naomi Knight—subject, "Giving." This was followed by a duet, "What shall I Answer Jesus?" by Mrs. Easterday and Miss Swobe. A very interesting paper written by Miss Helen Aughey, of Lincoln, was next read by Miss Addie Young—subject, "Training Children for Mission Work." Following this was a letter from Rev. O. C. Miller of the Woman's Memorial of San Francisco. An offering was then taken for the San Francisco Woman's Memorial. Adjourned with the doxology and benediction, by Rev. G. H. Schnur, President of Synod.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH, 9 A. M.

Opened by praise meeting, conducted by Mrs. J. C. Jacoby. A letter was then read by the President from Mrs J. W. Kimmel, regretting her inability to attend the Convention, also one from Rev. J. C. Zimmerman, of York Pa., in which he requested the different Societies to urge every member of their congregation to subscribe for the *Missionary Journal*. Mrs. Easterday read a letter from Mr. Eyster, of Crete, Nebraska, asking that some plan be devised by which the mission work of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the Synod of Nebraska may be represented at the next Chautauqua meeting at that place.

The following reports of the different organizing Conference Committees were received.

North Platte.

Mrs. J. C. Jacoby, Chairman.

Mrs. President: We, your Committee on organization of Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society within the bounds of North Platte Conference, beg leave to make the following report:

There are within the bounds of this Conference Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in all the congregations but three, viz: Homer, Salem and Oakland. Your Committee corresponded with the pastors of those places, and received the response, "Not ready to organize."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. M. JACOBY.

South Platte.

Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Chairman.

Mrs. President: Your Committee on organization for Southern Conference of Nebraska Synod, would report the following:

Letters have been written to the pastors of those charges where no Society exists, urging them to take steps towards organizing, or at least to give us the names of one or two of the lady members in their congregations with whom we could correspond, and present the matter, offering our services in any way necessary to help them in organizing; but have long since ceased to look for a response from any of them, as none have answered as yet. Since Rev. and Mrs. Jacoby have taken charge of the work at Nebraska City, personal effort among the ladies has resulted in arousing an interest, and it was hoped that a

society would be organized before the meeting of this Convention. A letter has been written to them, showing the need of our work, encouraging them to go forward, but circumstances were such that it seemed advisable to wait until later. We hope soon to hear of a flourishing society at that place. Roca and Beatrice seem very backward to fall in line with us, but we trust that the influence of this Convention may extend even to them, and that they may be numbered in our list another year. Benedict, Carlton and Rulo are still to be organized, besides those already mentioned.

MRS. J. G. GRIFFITH.

Mrs. Sick, Chairman of the German Conference, was very sorry to report nothing done.

Report of Committee on Literature.

To the Woman's Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod: The Literature Committee would briefly report,—

First. That as instructed, it has has had printed in the German language 1000 copies of the tract, "Why we are Mission Workers," and likewise the same number of copies of Society Constitutions, Synodical, Auxiliary, and Young People's. The Committee thought best to have so many copies printed for the reason that a liberal distribution of the documents among the German women would promote a more general interest in the work, while the extra expense for a few more hundred copies was comparatively little after once the matter was set up in type; the cost of the printing was $17.50. About 450 of the tracts and about 100 of the Constitutions have been sent to the Conference Committees, and other persons—the most of those copies going, however, into the hands of the German Conference Committeee, for whose aid they were chiefly printed.

Second. The Committee would call the especial attention of the delegates to the large assortment of tracts here on exhibition, and recommended to the societies by the General Committee on Literature. Some of these may be had at a very nominal price, others are for free distribution. Especial mention might be made of the mite boxes, two dozen of which are here, and cost but two cents each. Much good might be done by putting these boxes, together with "Mrs. Fickett's Mite Box," a tract, into the hands of many who are not interested in mission work.

Rev. Zimmerman, editor, has kindly sent two dozen copies of the *Missionary Journal* for this Convention.

Constitutions, both English and German, and the German tract "Why we are Mission Workers," can be secured at this Convention on application to the Committee.

MRS. L. L. LIPE, *Chairman.*
MRS. C. J. ERNST,
MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY.

At this point the President urged that each society purchase as soon as possible a copy of "A Report of the American Evan-

gelical Lutheran Mission for 1887, of the Work in India." Also, that the different societies subscribe for "Mission Studies," for general use at their meetings. This was followed by a very interesting and edifying address by Miss Knight, on "The Study of the Bible." The Auxiliary societies then reported as to their progress and interest in the work. Mrs. Detweiler, President, recommended that the Auxiliary societies procure mite boxes to be used in their societies and distributed wherever thought advisable.

On motion, the time for opening and closing hours of Convention was made to correspond with that of Synod, being opening at 9 a. m. and closing at 11:45 a. m., and opening at 1:30 p. m. and closing at 4:30 p. m.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Letters and Papers—Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Mrs. J. D. Stough and Miss Tillie Leisenring.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. J. C. Jacoby, Miss Addie Young and Mrs. L. M. Leasher.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Geo. Moser, Miss Nina L. Charles, and Mrs. W. E. Krouse.

On motion, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention extended an invitation to the brethren of Synod, now in session, to join with them in the services this evening.

Adjourned with doxology and benediction by Rev. Severinghaus.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Promise meeting led by Miss Hattie B. Swobe. Opened by singing.

Mrs. E. B. Harrington was then received as a corresponding delegate of the congregational church of Rising, and read a paper on their mission work. The President made an appropriate reply, followed by singing. Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. The President then

announced that the Synod had accepted the invitation to join in our services this evening.

Miss Naomi Knight then conducted the Bible reading—subject, "The Jewish Ideal Woman." The Auditing Committee made the following report:

As your Auditing Committee we have examined the Treasurer's report, and find the same correct.

ROSA MOSER,
SUSAN KROUSE,
NINA L. CHARLES.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers Reported.

Your Committee to whom were entrusted letters and papers, would report that we have examined them, and present the following:

1st. In regard to the letter from San Francisco, we sincerely sympathize with our missionary in his efforts to plant the Lutheran church on the Pacific coast, and we would urge upon all of our societies that have not responded to do so immediately to help them in their struggle.

2d. In reply to the letter from Mrs. Kimmel, our former President, we regret her absence and miss her counsel and advice during our convention.

3d. As regards the letter from Mrs. Hamma asking for a thank-offering, your committee would suggest that societies carry out the plan given in the July *Missionary Journal*, for special simultaneous meetings, and also that personal effort be made among the women of our church to respond to the appeal, in order that the contributions may during these ten years reach $100,000.

4th. In a letter from Rev. J. C. Zimmerman, Secretary of Church Extension, he calls our attention to the *Missionary Journal*. He especially urges upon all to increase their efforts to enlarge the circulation of that little monthly.

In reply to a communication from Rev. Uhl, urging us to a deeper interest in the India hospital work, and asking that a collection be taken for that purpose, we would say as the special collection to-night is for that purpose, no action was taken.

6th. The report of our Corresponding Secretary received and approved. Suggestions noted. It would be well for Auxiliary societies to be more prompt and correct in their reports. Her ability in the office has constantly been apparent to us, and while the burdens of the office are fully appreciated, yet we in justice to the convention would suggest that she be re-elected to the office in which she has so faithfully served us.

7th. Comprises a letter from Rev. Eyster in regard to the Missionary Conference to be held at the Chautauqua Assembly next year. This is a matter of great importance, and we suggest that it be brought before the convention, and a suitable person be appointed to represent us in that Conference of Women Missionary Workers. Letters have also been received from our lady

missionaries in India, for which we are truly grateful, and return our hearty thanks, suggesting that some one be appointed to respond.

MRS. J. G. GRIFFITH,
MRS. J. D. STOUGH,
MISS TILLIE LEISENRING.

Adopted.

On motion, the choice of a delegate to the Chautauqua Assembly, to be held next fall at Crete, was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to offer the following:

1st. *Resolved.* That our thanks be tendered to the people of Rising City, who have so kindly welcomed our Convention and entertained our delegates.

2d. *Resolved.* That our thanks be tendered to the railroad officials who have so kindly favored us with reduced rates.

3d. *Resolved.* That the thanks of this Synodical Society are due to Miss Naomi Knight for her efficient services in this Convention.

4th. *Resolved.* That we recommend the continuation of the Conference Committee, and that they prosecute their work with renewed vigor.

5th. *Resolved.* That we recommend the organization of Children's Missionary Societies and Young Ladies' Mission Bands, in every congregation, under the auspices of Auxiliaries.

6th. *Resolved.* That the President of Auxiliaries be requested to attend the Convention of the Synodical Society.

MRS. M. M. JACOBY,
MISS ADDIE YOUNG.
MRS. REIGEL.

Adopted item by item.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Election of Officers.

President—Mrs. J. G. Griffith.
Vice President—Mrs. J. C. Jacoby.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Pike.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. J. Ernst.

On motion, it was requested that Synod allow our minutes to be printed with theirs, granting us more space than that of the previous year, and that they report to us our portion of the expense.

Rev. W. Rosenstengel reported their efforts in the missionary work among the ladies of the German Conference.

Dr. Severinghaus then favored us with some interesting remarks.

The election of a delegate to the General Convention at Baltimore next spring, resulted as follows: Mrs. J. G. Griffith delegate, Miss Naomi Knight alternate.

Adjourned by singing, and benediction by Rev. J. W. Kimmel.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30.

Meeting conducted by Mrs. J. G. Griffith, President elect, opened by an anthem by the choir, followed by prayer by Rev. C. Huber. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Detweiler announced that Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, former President, had been made a life member of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in appreciation of her long, efficient and faithful work in the cause. The next was a very interesting talk by Mrs. Detweiler, giving a bird's eye view of Christian Missions in different parts of the world. Music, quartette, "Missions for the millions," followed by the reading of a very able paper by Mrs. J. D. Stough, and written by Mrs. M. L. Melick, subject, "Do Foreign Missions help or Hinder Home Missions?" Singing, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

A letter written by Miss Dr. Anna Kugler, of India, giving an account of her medical work, was then read by Mrs. J. C. Jacoby, followed by a letter from Miss Fannie Dryden, bearing upon her school work by Mrs. W. A. Pike. Solo, "Famine Cry," by Miss Nina Charles.

Miss Naomi Knight then conducted the Bible reading—subject, "A Study from Missionaries of the Bible."

The following Conference Committees were read, as appointed by the Executive Committee:

North Platte—Mrs. John J. King, West Point; Mrs. J. B. Burner, Omaha; Miss Addie Young, Oakland.

South Platte—Mrs. G. H. Schnur, Yutan; Mrs. B. F. Pugh, Rising; Mrs. R. A. White, Waverly.

Western Committee—Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, McCook; Mrs. A. B. Shrader, Grand Island; Mrs. C. L. T. Fisher, Sidney.

German Committee—Mrs. J. G. Grönmiller, Mrs. Kruger and Mrs. C. Moessner.

Literature Committee—Miss Hattie B. Swobe, Omaha; Miss H. F. Isaacson, Omaha; Mrs. C. Sick, Fontanelle; Mrs. J. F. Wilhelmy, Omaha.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, Mrs. J. S. Detweiler has served the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska, as President, under many difficulties and with the greatest efficiency, therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention assure her of their gratitude for her valuable services in behalf of the cause so dear to all, and extend to her a hearty vote of thanks.

Convention was adjourned by doxology and benediction by Rev. M. L. Melick.

Time and Place of Next Convention.

The time and place of next meeting to be determined by the Executive Committee.

MRS. J. J. KING,
Secretary.

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